

# Oil Strike Spreads Across Nation; More Walkouts

New Shutdowns.  
Reported in West  
and East; 4-Point  
Proposal Made by  
Schwellenbach

The Oil Workers International Union (CIO) extended its refinery strike from coast to coast today in an effort to force the petroleum industry to meet demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Union leaders reported new shutdowns in the West Coast, Oklahoma and eastern oil fields as Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach submitted a four-point back-to-work proposal to a Washington, D. C., Conciliation hearing of labor and industry officials.

**Endangers Economy**

Schwellenbach called for an immediate end of the crippling walkout which is prolonged, he said, "place in jeopardy the very life-blood of American economy."

CIO officials and representatives of 11 major oil companies were given until 4 p. m. (EST) today to reply to the suggestion that production be resumed under a 40-hour week and a 15 per cent wage increase, pending arbitration of the 27.5 percent pay boost demanded by the union.

The new oil walkouts boosted the nation's strike tide to an estimated 400,000. Settlement of a few disputes was offset by scattered new work stoppages, most of them based on demands for wage increases to compensate for loss of war-made overtime.

Approximately 2,300 workers were scheduled to walk out at 10 a. m. (EST) today at the Union Oil Co.'s Wilmington and Rodeo, Calif., refineries and touch off an outburst of strikes along the west coast.

**Walk-out**

A spokesman for CIO Local 123 said "only unforeseen, last-minute developments" could halt the pending walkout.

Strike action was decided upon yesterday at the close of company-union negotiations over workers' demands for maintenance of wartime salaries. Reese Taylor, company president, said a work stoppage would force almost immediate closure of other Union Oil Co. departments.

A graduate walkout of Sinclair Oil Refining Co. employees began last night at Trainer, Pa., and leaders

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# 'Belsen Beast' Denies All Charges

Luenburg, Oct. 2.—(UP)—Joseph Kramer, beetle-browed "Beast of Belsen," denied every atrocity charge against him in a statement read today before a British military court hearing the trial of Kramer and 40 other Nazis.

**For Record**

Kramer sat with downcast eyes as the statement denying his guilt in the wholesale atrocities at Belsen, where he was commandant, was read into the record.

The statement signed by Kramer was produced by Capt. Stephen Malcolm Stewart, British Army legal staff officer, who took it from the Nazi concentration camp boss. No objection was raised to it being put in evidence.

Kramer said in the statement that he volunteered for SS service in 1932, but was detailed for duty at a concentration camp, for which he did not volunteer.

He served in camps at Dachau, Buchenwald, Mauthausen, Oswiecim and Belsen. Some details of conditions in these camps were given in the statement.

**Overall Rules**

Kramer said he went to Oswiecim in May, 1943. He lived in a village to keep "well away" from his fellow guards, he said.

The same rules of punishment were applied to German and Russian

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# Pope Hits Totalitarian Governments

Vatican City, Oct. 2.—(UP)—Pope Pius XII opened the Sacred Roman Rota—the church's judicial body—today with an address denouncing totalitarianism as the destroyer of the rights of man.

The Pontiff said totalitarian government forced national, racial and class ideologies on the individual and eliminated man's inherent rights. He said it prevented citizens from shaping their own social life and tended to divide nations into "dominators and the dominated."

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# Ultra-Scientific World



(NEA Telephoto)

Debby Skinner, 13-month-old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Skinner, Indiana university physiology department, has lived in an ultra-scientific world since birth. Debby, shown here with her mother, spends most of her time in this glassed bed-like play pen in which the temperature and humidity are electrically controlled. Pen is dust proof.

# Yellow Cab Labor Hearings Resumed

# Investigate Auto Crash Death

An investigation into the death of Noel Doyon, 34, Clark Hill road, Prospect, who was severely injured when the car he was driving left the Terry road and crashed into a culvert on the side of the highway Sunday night, is being conducted by Coroner Frank T. Haley and State Trooper David Dunn of the Bethany Barracks.

Doyon, who was placed on the danger list at St. Mary's Hospital following the accident early Sunday morning, died at 5:30 a. m. after being admitted to that institution when he sustained a fractured skull and other injuries. Alone in his car, at the time of the accident he was apparently struck a soft shoulder of the road and lost control, crashing into the culvert.

**Terry Road**

The Terry road is the first road off the Waterbury-Prospect Highway near the East Mountain Reservoir. It was stated by Constable Alfred Martin of Prospect, who was driving along behind Doyon at the time of the accident and took the victim to the hospital.

After an autopsy by medical examiner Dr. Edward H. Kirschbaum, to determine the cause of death, the body will be removed to the Belleville Funeral Home. Burial plans are incomplete.

# GAR Vets Hold 79th Encampment

Columbus, O., Oct. 2.—(UP)—Fifteen survivors of the grand army of the Republic brushed up their blue uniforms and adjusted medals today in preparation for a reception tonight for delegates to the 79th annual GAR encampment.

A few insisted they were ready to march tomorrow in the parade climaxed the meeting, but it was expected that less than a half dozen would attempt it. Only eight were feeling fit enough last night to attend the inaugural banquet.

Former Commander-in-Chief Robert Rownd, Ripley, N. Y., 100-year-old coupe-sporting veteran, grinned as he accepted \$5,000 from officials of the various GAR affiliate organizations at the banquet.

"These checks look mighty good,"

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# Liberated Jews Deny Charges Of Neglect

By JOHN B. McDERMOTT  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Paderborn, Germany, Oct. 1.—(UPI)—Battered Jews are living in a displaced persons camp here, but they ridiculed charges that their lot was almost as bad as it had been in Nazi concentration camps.

The charges had been made by Earl G. Harrison, an official American investigator, in a formal report to President Truman. He described the camps as filthy, unsanitary, inefficient and behind barred wire.

We found neither barred wire nor Gestapo-like guards at this camp. The majority of Jews live in tiled-roof, bleak apartments well-protected from the cold. Though crowded up to 40 in a room, all sleep on bunks.

**New York Slums**

They are living better than some of the inhabitants of New York's East Side slums or many factory districts in those states.

They perhaps are not getting all the food they want, but their daily

# AFL, Company Dispute Aired Before Board

Hearing of union charges against Edward F. Grady, doing business as the Yellow Cab Co. of Waterbury, resumed before the State Labor Relations Board in the county courthouse building on Kendrick avenue today, with additional witnesses called to testify in behalf of Grady.

Four discharged workers of the concern claim they were dismissed because they joined the A. F. L. union.

**Testimony**

John Minahan, former mechanic for Grady, testified at length on conditions which led to his "quitting" the job. He claimed Grady at no time showed concern over union activities of his employees, and the witness said no union question was involved in termination of his employment with Grady.

Police Superintendent Daniel J. Carson and Chief Detective Inspector Joseph Bender were among other witnesses called. Both were questioned over alleged liquor sale by a taxi-driver, Henry Shaker, who is one of the four men bringing charges against Grady. The taxi-company owner claims he discovered he was selling liquor from a cab.

**Attorneys**

The discharged workers, who complained to the state board through Timothy Collins, secretary of Truck Drivers' local 67 and State F.P.L. president, are: Peter Foley, Rocco Copolabiano, William Robinsonsky, and Shaker. They are represented by Attorney Maurice P. Wrenn, while Attorney Michael V. Blansfield and Attorney Michael Ciano appear for Grady.

Minahan testified he had worked for Grady for about three years and quit about a month ago. He stated, on questioning by Attorney Blansfield, that he put gasoline from Grady's supply into a car owned by Robinsonsky and that Robinsonsky did not pay for it. He admitted that he left his employment after a discussion with Grady on the gasoline issue. He said Robinsonsky left just before he did.

Asked if he knew of Grady's attitude toward unionization or non-unionization, Minahan replied that Grady "wasn't upset or far concerned as to whether they unionized or not." He added: "It didn't make any difference to Mr. Grady whether they had a union or not."

When Blansfield asked Minahan if he was ever approached about joining a union Wrenn objected. Blansfield then stated he wished to show that Minahan was approached after he left his job and inducement was offered to him for joining the union.

The question was allowed, and

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# Report GOP Still Seeks Candidates More Confusion As Party Enters Convention

"CONFUSION WORSE CONFUSION" is the paraphrase the theme of tonight's scheduled Republican convention as party leaders were today reported, at press time, to be without candidates for naming to the proposed city election slate.

Despite statements from some top GOP leaders it is claimed on good authority today that the mayoralty choice still goes begging as committee leaders spend time frantically seeking someone in a city of 100,000 population to agree to run on the Republican ticket.

Despite the humor and good-natured ridicule directed toward these leaders by their own party members and Democrats as well as the general populace, the matter has become one of concern to the majority of interested citizens with expressions heard as to the seriousness and gravity of such a situation. The latter observation is premised upon the fact that the current electoral situation among GOP leaders is "blatantly indicative of lack of leadership" and in general, lack of any "understanding of the needs of a two-party system."

**Upon**

As reported here last night a move is active to place the name of former Town Chairman J. Warren Upson upon file as the GOP candidate. The move is designed as one of embarrassment for Mr. Upson and the entire party leadership. Should the move be acceptable and Mr. Upson refuse to accept the nomination, backers of the move will claim he and other leaders have not got the true interests of the party at heart. Mr. Upson has consistently stated he will not run. At present the Republicans are also seeking candidates for controller, city clerk and tax collector.

# House Group Rejects Tax Proposals

Washington, Oct. 2.—(UP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today rejected two Republican proposals to reduce, rather than eliminate, the 3 per cent "normal" tax on individual income.

The Republican proposals were preliminary to a demand for a horizontal cut in all tax rates, suggested by Rep. J. P. Cavanaugh.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson recommended yesterday a three point reconversion tax program calling for elimination of the 3 per cent normal tax on individuals, repeal of the excess profits tax on industry starting Jan. 1 and reduction of luxury taxes starting July 1. He opposed a horizontal cut in all individual tax rates.

**Normal Tax**

The two proposals to reduce, instead of eliminate, the normal tax were rejected by Rep. J. P. Cavanaugh, a Republican from Minnesota. He proposed to cut it to one per cent and then two per cent. Both were rejected without record votes.

If either had been adopted, Republicans were prepared to move to a horizontal cut in all surtaxes on individuals.

Both were offered as a substitute to a motion by Rep. A. Willis Robertson, D. Va., to approve Vinson's recommendations with a cut change. Robertson's motion still was pending when the committee recessed for lunch.

Before a vote on the Robertson motion, however, Republicans were poised for another test.

**Substitute**

Rep. Frank Carlson, R. Kans., proposed a substitute motion which would raise the normal tax exemption, now \$500 without regard to the number of dependents, to those in effect for surtaxes. The surtax exemption allows \$500 for the wage earner and \$500 for each dependent.

It was estimated that the Carlson plan, like the Vinson proposal, would eliminate approximately 12,000,000 persons from any tax liability.

The loss in treasury revenue likewise would be approximately the same.

# FWA Seeks Construction Authority

Washington, Oct. 2.—(UP)—The Federal Works Agency asked Congress today for authority to build a new project, a "highway" project, and to lay the groundwork for others that may have to be built "to combat a recession."

FWA's Public Buildings Administration, jointly with the Post Office Department, submitted proposed legislation which would grant authorization for \$193,000,000 for federal buildings outside the District of Columbia.

**Post Offices, Etc.**

These would include post offices, courthouses, federal office buildings and public health service hospitals in the 48 states and the territories.

The bill also proposed authorization of \$193,000,000 for new public buildings in or near the nation's capital.

Of the \$193,000,000, a total of \$95,000,000 would be authorized for projects previously approved by Congress and the remaining \$98,000,000 would be authorized for new projects.

The FWA submitted a list of 4,000 eligible projects outside Washington totaling \$774,795,000 from which the \$193,000,000 worth of projects would be selected "on a basis of urgency of need and of

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# American Brass Mediation Of Bonus Dispute Fails; CIO Seeks General Strike Vote

# French Spokesman Accuses Russia Of "Blackmail"

# Patton Loses Command Of U. S. Third Army

By JOHN B. McDERMOTT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Frankfurt, Oct. 2.—(UP)—Gen. George S. Patton has been relieved of his U. S. Third Army Command and the concurrent military governorship of Bavaria, where he advocated keeping Nazis in some administrative posts, it was announced today.

**15th Army**

Patton is being shifted from Bavaria to the command of the U. S. 15th Army—a virtually non-existent force, consisting of little more than a headquarters detachment which is writing a report on U. S. participation in the European war.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower late today announced his decision in the Patton case. It was a severe punishment for the hot-headed, loose-tongued Patton, who appeared before Eisenhower last Friday to explain his defiance of headquarters orders to purge Bavaria of Nazis.

**Li-Gen. Lucian K. Truscott**, former commander of the U. S. Fifth Army in Italy, was named commander of the U. S. Third Army and of the eastern military district in the American occupation zone of Germany, succeeding Patton.

**Statement**

Eisenhower's headquarters issued the following statement at 6 p. m.: "On Sept. 29, Gen. Eisenhower notified Patton that he would be transferred on or about Oct. 7 to take over command of the 15th Army and to head the theater general board, and that Li-Gen. Lucian K. Truscott would take command of the Third Army and eastern military district. This transfer will be made on or about Oct. 7."

The transfer of Patton meant that he had been banished from the American occupation zone and removed from any position of authority over the Germans.

The banishment of headquarters troops which he will head as 15th Army commander are stationed west of the Rhine at Bad Neuenahr, near the Remagen bridge in the middle of the French occupation zone.

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# I. H. Lammers Resigning At Bank

Irving H. Lammers, executive vice-president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., announced his resignation, parallel office established at the city of Cambridge.

Seven hours passed before the resignation was accepted by the board of directors. Lammers said he was resigning because he was unable to continue his duties as executive vice-president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. due to illness.

He succeeded William H. Husband in May 1944 at the local financial institution when Mr. Husband assumed a position in Washington. Lammers had been named Harold W. Smith, former official of the F. F. S. and L., now in the Navy is expected to return in the not too far future.

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# State Thanksgiving Nov. 22—Baldwin

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 2.—(UP)—Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin today proclaimed Thursday, Nov. 22, as Thanksgiving day in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Thanksgiving is along with Thanksgiving in other New England states, will be the fourth Thursday in November, the governor said.

If President Truman should proclaim the fifth Thursday as Thanksgiving, Connecticut residents would have a choice of two days on which to eat turkey.

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# City's Veterans Center Proves Valuable Endeavor

A total of 637 veterans were interviewed and assisted by the local office of the Veterans Administration office established at the Waterbury Veterans Advisory Center it was revealed yesterday by Edward Kelley, V.A.O. manager. The occasion was the regular monthly meeting of the general committee.

During the past week, Mr. Kelley disclosed, 247 veterans were interviewed. Yesterday total of 155 had contacted the local office.

Miss Nancy Delaney executive secretary of the committee and the Veterans Advisory office disclosed in her monthly report that a total of 118 veterans, their relatives and dependents were interviewed during September by her office. Sixty of this total were referred to various agencies, doctors, attorneys and elsewhere.

**Attending**

Yesterday's meeting was presided over by Mayor John S. Monagan and attended by the following: Maj. J. Peter Costigan, Rev. Dr. John

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# Conference Seen Doomed to Failure; Blame Soviets

**BULLETIN**

London, Oct. 2.—(UP)—The Council of Foreign Ministers ended its London conference shortly after 7 p. m. tonight without issuing a final communiqué on its decisions.

**By EDWARD V. ROBERTS**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Oct. 2.—(UP)—A French spokesman today accused Russia of attempting "last minute blackmail" at the Foreign Ministers' Council, and the conference appeared doomed to end in almost complete failure.

**Return Home**

Some delegates predicted that the ministers would call it quits after today's sessions—regardless of their outcome—and leave for their respective capitals. U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes was known to have a speaking engagement in New York Thursday evening.

Both French and other Allied sources said Russia appeared to be attempting to throw all the problems of peace back on President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

A source present at last night's session—which finally broke up at 3 a. m. today—said Russia "deliberately thwarted" every effort at compromise among the foreign ministers by submitting new and far-reaching demands.

He said the Soviets apparently were determined to undo even such progress as had been made by the council.

The French spokesman described the Russian tactics as "last-minute blackmail in an effort to get what they want." France will agree to no further compromise on its demands.

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# Truman Seen Reorganizing Armed Forces

Washington, Oct. 2.—(UP)—President Truman's pattern for reorganizing the armed forces was taking definite shape today.

The President himself gave the tipoff in an executive order calling for sweeping changes in the structure of the Navy Department. In it he made clear that he would ask Congress to make statutory reorganizations only after he finds the best possible plan through experiments conducted under his executive authority.

Mr. Truman told congress last month that he was planning to send along a message on reorganization of the War and Navy Departments. He did not, however, commit himself on the controversial issue of consolidating them into a single new department of national defense.

**Merger**

Congressional leaders have since indicated that the merger proposals have been abandoned. Mr. Truman's Navy order contained no clues on the subject, but an accompanying White House statement carefully explained his decision to make the changes by executive order.

Its purpose, it said, "is to enable the Navy to incorporate in its organization some of the improvements which were indicated by its war-time experience."

"These changes are to be made by executive order so that they may be tested for a period of time before the President recommends to congress any statutory change in the organization of the Navy Department."

In accordance with the order, dated Sept. 29, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal set up a special board to plan the reorganization. It will be headed by Undersecretary of the Navy Artemus L. Gates.

Mr. Truman said the reorganization should be made on the principle that the business of the Navy falls into three grand divisions. He listed these as "military matters; general and administrative matters; and business and related industrial matters."

The president abolished the post of commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet and transferred its functions to the Chief of Naval Operations. Both jobs are now held by Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King.

Forrestal directed that King continue in his dual positions until the reorganization goes into effect. King, however, plans to retire around Jan. 1.

**Gov. Cross Injured**

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 2.—(UP)—Former Democratic Gov. Wilbur L. Cross, 33, was recovering at his home today from a foot injury resulting from a fall from a chair. A small bone was said to have been broken.

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# Father Donnelly, Mediator, States Both Parties Adherent to Agreement

Mediation in the American Brass Company-C. I. O. compensatory bonus dispute has failed, it was disclosed this afternoon by Rev. Joseph F. Donnelly, mediator, and the union prepared to petition the War Labor Board for a general strike vote.

Following a discussion of company officials and union representatives this morning, Father Donnelly announced that "both parties stood firm by their original positions" and that there was no reason to proceed with similar discussions.

**CIO Move**

In his statement on termination of his services as mediator, Father Donnelly took cognizance of the C. I. O.'s next step of petitioning for a general strike vote.

John Mankowicz, board member of the C. I. O. Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers union, stated this afternoon that the union today would communicate with the War Labor Board in Washington notifying it of the current situation and would ask the National Labor Relations Board to conduct general strike balloting.

A 30-day "cooling-off" period will be necessary before the strike vote is taken, and Father Donnelly expressed the hope a settlement might be made within that time.

The union official stated the 30 per cent wage increase issue would be combined with the compensatory bonus issue in the communication to Washington.

**Statement**

Father Donnelly's statement to the press was as follows:

"Today the company and the union met for further discussion of the matter in dispute between them. At the close of the meeting both parties stood firmly by their original positions in honest disagreement and both were urged by the explanations and arguments adduced by the other.

"Hence, at the present time there appears to be no reason to hope for progress and further similar discussions."

"During the past two weeks both parties have been sincerely cooperative in our discussions and both have sincerely attempted to resolve the dispute."

"More than a week ago the union informed the company and the mediator of its intention to vote on strike notice and the membership voted that notice but at my request agreed to withhold filing of such notice with the NLRB pending the outcome of our discussion today."

**Commitment Release**

"Under the circumstances it appears that the parties should be released from all commitments made to the mediator."

"Under the War Labor Disputes Act in its present form, a strike notice means a request for the NLRB to order a vote to be conducted 30 days hence. It is our sincere desire that during this period the parties may be moved to a peaceful resolution of the dispute."

Father Donnelly had been named mediator after the WLB refused a previous decision given in favor of the union on the bonus dispute. The bonus claims were based on loss of pay by swing shift workers when the shift was abolished more than two years ago.

The vote to petition for a general strike vote was made at a meeting of the locals of Waterbury, Ansonia, and Torrington plants of the ABC, but the communication was held up, when Father Donnelly asked for further conferences on the issue.

The union in its strike petition will combine its request for the bonus and for the general wage increase for brass workers.

**DAR Rule On Negro Artists**

Washington, Oct. 2.—(UP)—The Daughters of the American Revolution will decide next week whether to open the organization's Constitution Hall here to Negro artists, Mrs. Julius V. Talmadge, D. A. R. president general, said today.

The controversy over allowing Negro artists to perform at a concert in the hall will be brought before the executive committee here between Oct. 8 and 11, Mrs. Talmadge said.

She acknowledged that rules of the D. A. R. barred Negroes from appearing in the hall.

**1932 Rule**

"Rules governing the operation of Constitution Hall were established in 1932," she said. "Conformity to the customs prevailing in the District of Columbia, these rules limit the appearance in Constitution Hall to white artists only. The matter of changing the established rules will be brought before the executive committee at its meeting in October."

Earlier, President Truman was asked to "do something" about the ban on Mrs. Scott's piano in the hall. The concert originally was planned for Oct. 20.

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